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## We Rock!

### Douglas Men bring home Provincial gold...again

**T**ears for one team and cheers for another, Saturday marked a BCAA championship for the Douglas College men's volleyball team and a silver effort for the women's team. The tournament was hosted by Okanagan University College (OUC) in Kelowna, who brought a strong home crowd to cheer their teams and heckle ours. When the dust had finally cleared the men had a hotly contested championship and the women were outplayed to silver.

The men had a very strong start to the tournament, taking first placement in the round robin. They quickly overcame the Camosun Chargers three games to one. Combined with their excellent placement in the round robin, the Royals appeared to be set for an easy walk to the gold, but the University College of the Cariboo (UCC) Sun Devils had other plans.

The first game of the gold medal match was a story for the Sun Devils. Douglas failed to penetrate the excellent blocking of UCC. Consistency in the Royals' play was another problem adding to the 12 to 15 loss.

Douglas initially floundered in the second game—UCC held a 4 point lead, but our team pulled it together to win 15 to 9. The game was marked with fierce rallies and contained some of the best playing in the entire match.

Douglas took the third game as well, but again

suffered from an initial lack of cohesion. Fortunately, the spiking ability of Ken Kleindienst and the all around playing ability of Ken Kilpatrick carried Douglas back to overtake and then beat the Sun Devils.

With the breathing room that being one game ahead of their opponents afforded them, it seemed clear the Royals didn't want the fourth game enough. Plays by Douglas were relaxed in comparison to their previous games and they were deservedly trounced by the Sun Devils 7 to 15.

The championship was riding on the fifth game and both teams wanted it. Douglas snapped out of their former slumber to attack the Sun Devils with remarkable tenacity. Not to be outdone, UCC counterattacked, managing a 12 to 8 lead early on. The Royals' moral seemed close to breaking, but didn't, largely due to the encouragement of Ken Kilpatrick as he pushed his team onward. The Royals tied up the game with a score of 15 to 15. It was do or die and both teams met the pressure very well, fighting with unnatural vigour. The game stretched on, with neither side managing to gain the 2 point lead required to take the match. Douglas finally took it with a score of 26 to 24.

There are few criticisms to be made of the men's play during the match. There is a large criticism to be made of their behaviour before their match began, though. The men's championship was played immediately after the women's. The women

were down two games to one and trailing by 3 points. The women were attempting to come back when the men began to tape up their joints and warm up for their game in full view of the women. This was demoralizing to the women's team and demonstrated a complete lack of support from the men for their fellow Douglas athletes.

**T**he women's silver effort just before the men's match was against OUC and in front of a very rambunctious home team crowd. The women fought OUC with all the energy they could muster, but unfortunately as individuals not as a team. A continual image was that of an OUC spike hitting an undefended corner for a point, particularly in the first two games of the match. As Becki Kosinski pointed out, "It wasn't anyone, we just played as individuals and not as a team."

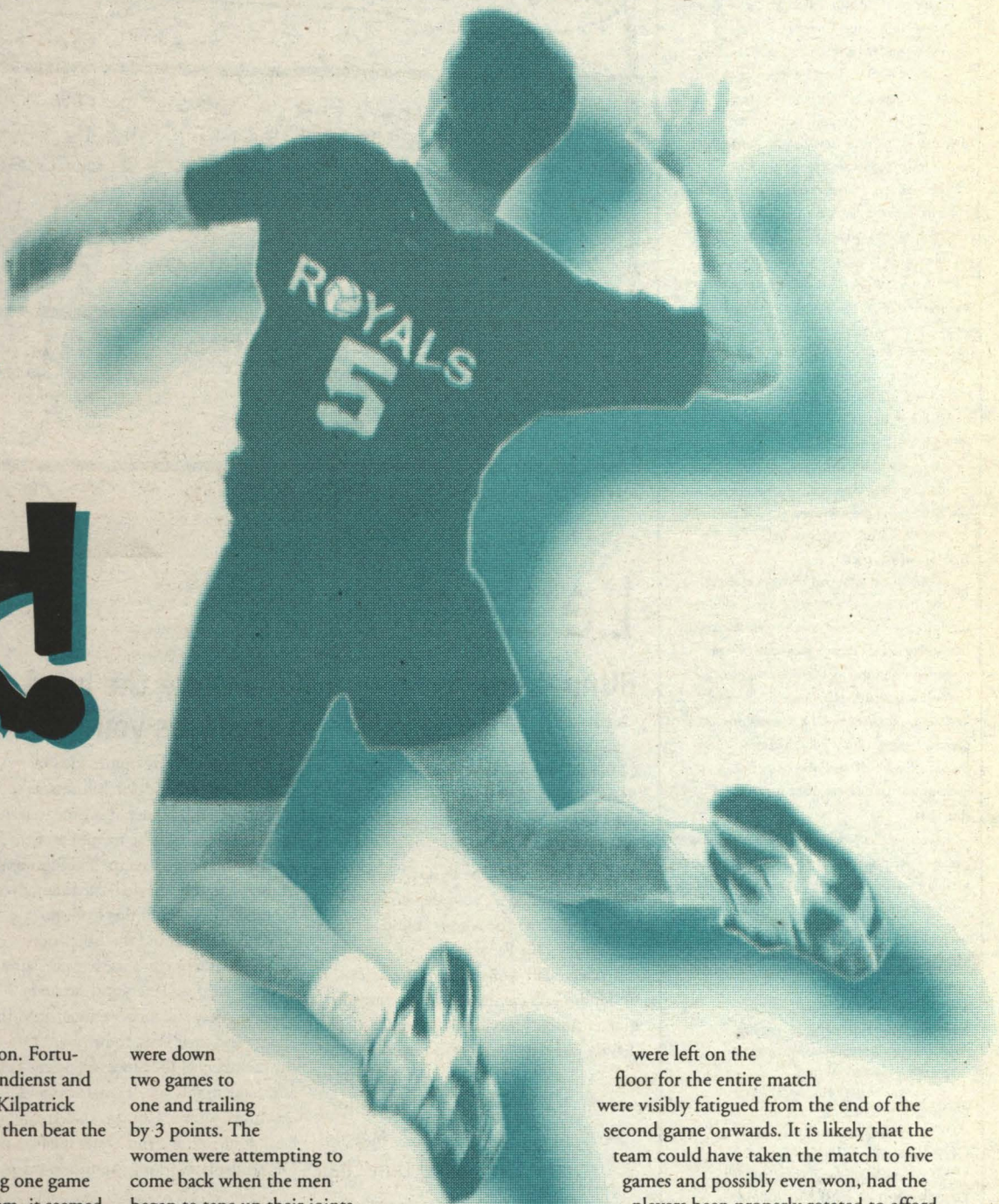
Lack of communication between players exacerbated the situation and gave OUC easy wins in the first two games of the match.

What appeared to be a fatal flaw in the Douglas plan was coach Susan Sharp's lack of substitutions. Only two players were subbed into the match and only for a single brief period each. The players who

were left on the floor for the entire match were visibly fatigued from the end of the second game onwards. It is likely that the team could have taken the match to five games and possibly even won, had the players been properly rotated to afford them a rest. Sharp's dependence upon a few key players was a self defeating one and hopefully she will not repeat this mistake in the future.

The best game of the match was the third, when Douglas came on strongly to win 15 to 2. Douglas was finally playing as a team, communicating well and fighting with heart. OUC was almost left standing still during the game, definitively outplayed by Douglas. Sharp credited their comeback to laying the situation down for the team, saying "I told them this was it, stop playing like individuals and play like a team."

Whatever Douglas had brought into the third game, they lost it in the fourth. OUC wanted the championship and came on hard. Notable was the resolve of Vesna Rukavina, who seemed to be a tremendous source of moral for the Royals when OUC held a four point lead. Resolve doesn't win championships unfortunately, it only gives you a chance. Douglas didn't make that chance a gold one in what turned into an emotional ending for the women.



Story and photo by Geoff McDonald



**T**he Other Press is Douglas College's autonomous student newspaper.

We've been publishing since 1976. The Other Press is run as an anarcho-syndicalist commune. We take turns acting as sort of an executive officer for the week, but all the decisions of this officer must be ratified at a special bi-weekly meeting, by a simple majority in the case of purely internal affairs, but by a two thirds majority in the case of...

The OP is published weekly during the fall and winter semesters and monthly [as a magazine] during the summer.

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We want you to be part of the publishing process, so when you submit a letter or article to us, include a way we can contact you. We realize that you've already spent a good deal of time preparing a submission, but typos happen, tenses change, participles dangle; we need to know if it is deliberate or if it was an error. Phone numbers are not published and pseudonyms are accepted. Everyone has an opinion, and we'd like to make sure yours is clear.

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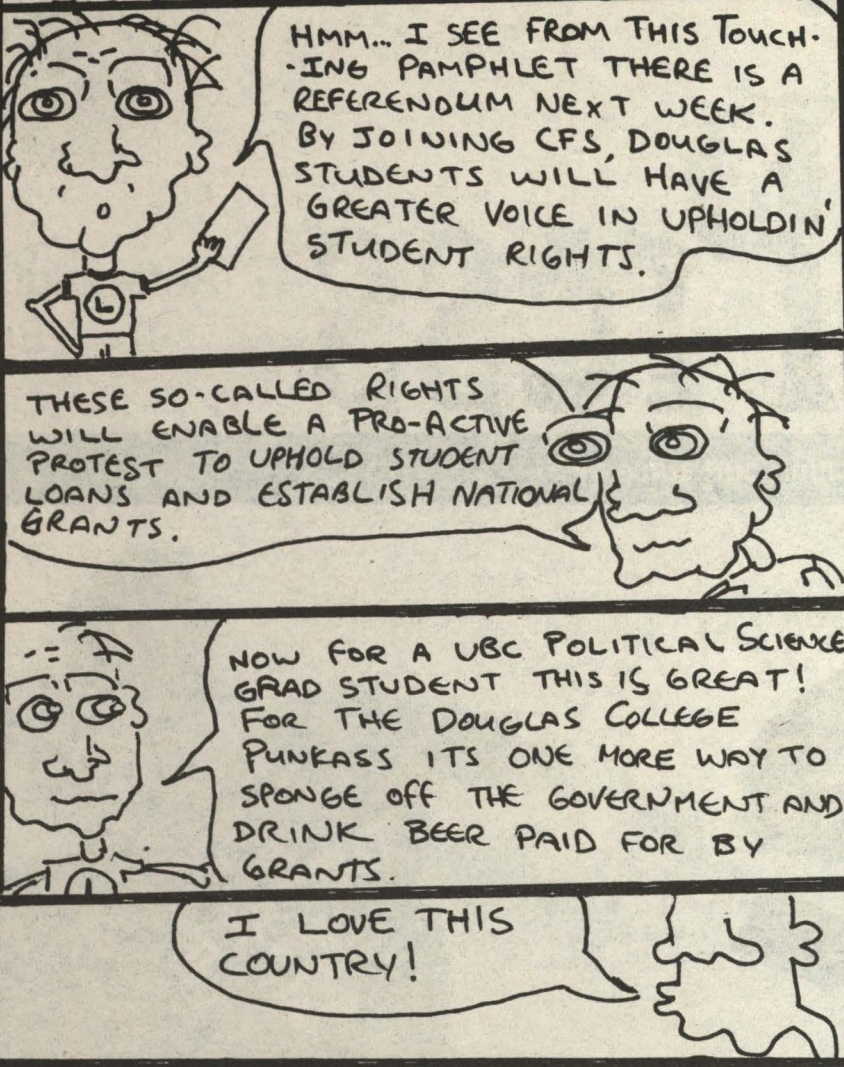
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## Skunko in... Referendum Madness



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### Blind & drunk

One issue brought to the attention of the Douglas College/British Columbia Government Employee Union Labour Management Relations Committee was the cartoon that appeared in the February 4, 1998 edition of the Other Press.

The College and the BCGEU membership are offended by your depiction of a staff member as one who is "blind, drunk and only speaks Russian."

College staff work diligently, often under difficult circumstances, to provide quality support services to students. They deserve to be treated in this regard.

S. Witter

President, Douglas College

T. Marples

Bargaining Unit Chair

### Don't bite the hand that feeds you

After weeks of being bombarded by scandal and political witch-hunts, false allegations and slander, it is time to stand up and cheer for those members of the DCSS who have given up countless hours of their free time, to dedicate themselves for the betterment of this College.

While the OP and the Athletics department reps continue to roast Jaimie McEvoy, Christa Peters and Amanda Wheeler, they still sacrifice their time, their energy and their lives, to helping YOU—the members of the Student Society—get a fair shake in this age of cut-backs and nepotism. Jaimie, Christa, and Amanda have done nothing but better the lives of DC students—working on tuition freeze

campaigns, sitting on various provincial and scholastic committees on behalf of the students, working for increased daycare subsidies, equitable student loans, saving an entire campus etc. The list is endless. Indeed, we are entitled to free speech, opinion, and press—it is a democratic fundamental—but at the same time, there are always two sides to every coin, and it is up to you, as a student and a thinking, educated person, to find out the facts for yourself and seek the truth. I am proud to say I worked with these brilliant, talented and dynamic individuals, and have

nothing but praise to sing of them. As for the neophyte grassroots anti-Fed movement seeming to be emanating from the Athletics Department, the old proverb "Don't bite the hand that feeds you" comes to mind. And to all of you on the DCSS Rep Committee and Executive, who have stuck it out, put in the hours, and continue to fight for students: BRAVO!

Tia-Alexandra McCullough  
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The women's movement is celebrating close to one hundred years of fighting oppression. With women rising against their oppressors in the late eighteen hundreds, and "feminism" becoming a household word by the late nineteen sixties, the advancements have been remarkable for women's equality. Starting with women being able to vote in Manitoba in 1905 (the first in Canada) and ending the millennium with GMC Canada, Ford Canada, Xerox Canada and a few others having women as their CEOs, it would appear as though what women say could be true: there is nothing a man can do that I cannot do.

But, why bother? Like every other cause that had a good moral starting, feminism has gone horribly astray. Like the African American people starting a peaceful freedom movement with Martin Luther King Jr. and ending with Malcolm X stating how evil the white man is, feminism too has become a diluted cause that no longer puts women's rights up but has the radical I-can-do-anything-better-than-a-man stench.

Case in point: The military. Thus far, women in both the United States and Canada cannot serve in an active combat position. Yet, feminist groups whine and complain that this is sexist, and that women should be allowed. Allowed to what? Get killed the same as men? Kill or maim another human being the same as men? Come home from war with one leg and never get another job because of it like men? This incredibly diluted thinking makes one wonder why anyone would actively try to do this. Men try to dodge the draft on a regular basis, but women feel they should be allowed to go. So much for the "fairer" sex.

I, personally, would love the opportunity to stay behind the front line as a doctor or administrator, but never would I volunteer to be shot.

Nor would I try to get into a military academy merely to prove that I could, like a woman did down in the States. She went into a military academy just to prove that a woman could do what a man can. Also significant is the movie "GI Jane", the Hollywood movie showing Demi Moore becoming a Navy Seal in a man's army. It would appear that we should teach our young girls is that all the things men do, women should do as well. Murder. Rape. Anything, because, damn it, women are just as good as men. Let's prove to the world that women are as good as men by rising against oppression, and getting ourselves killed. That'll show 'em!

With the inevitable war in Iraq, women may get their chance to see combat duty after all. If Saddam has an olympic men's hockey team hiding somewhere, the male Americans will lose the battle in the first round, and the women's olympic hockey team will have to be called in to clean up.

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# We're back in

Results overwhelming, but procedures a little shoddy

Jim Chliboyko

"Welcome to local 18 of the CFS," gushed DCSS VP External Christa Peters, following last week's 85.01% Yes vote in favour of renewing the relationship between Douglas College and the Canadian Federation of Students.

The referendum was marked by both the requisite controversy for Douglas College referenda and a decent showing at the polls. Altogether, 1657 Douglas College students cast ballots at the polling booths set up at the college's three campuses.

(See breakdown.)

Peters was pleasantly surprised at the showing at the polls. "Voter turnout was huge," she said, echoing the sentiments of many in the college community who had witnessed considerably smaller numbers at the

last several student society elections, often in the low three digit range.

Enthusiasm for the election was especially evident at Thomas Hancy Centre in Maple Ridge, where almost half the student body voted.

As for the election itself, Peters said she thought everything went well, despite a confrontation at David Lam

campus. "I didn't like being asked to leave the campus," she said, after a student complained that Peters and several other pro-CFS personnel were campaigning aggressively. Security were eager to throw Peters off campus, but she appealed the decision and was allowed to stay.

Kelli Semple, Athletics Representative of the DCSS, is one of a few people who didn't think the referendum went well. Among the charges is that there was no Chief Returning Officer (CRO) to overlook the vote-counting and gathering procedures, the Referendum Rules committee consisted entirely of pro-CFS people, campaigning occurred within the 25-foot no campaign zone and ballot boxes were opened without anyone's

permission.

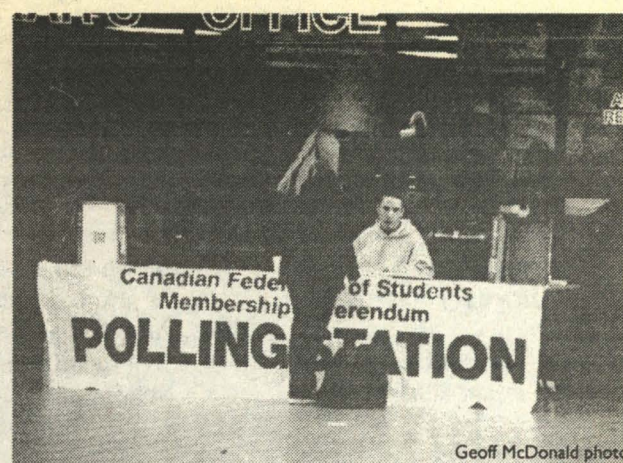
Semple feels as if the result was guaranteed from the start. "The CFS was going to get in no matter what we did," said a frustrated Semple. "The CFS had paid employees campaigning.... We are students, we have classes, we couldn't man a 'No' booth," she said, detailing one of her grievances.

Semple said that there were other instances of poor procedure. "The CFS people were in student's faces," she said, pointing out that CFS volunteers who weren't Douglas College students were wearing 'Yes, I voted' stickers. Other charges range from scrutineers not checking properly for ID, to having

scrutineers open ballot boxes at David Lam.

Earlier in the week, as well, a pro-CFS sign was found hanging above the polling station at David Lam campus, well within the 25-foot 'no campaigning' boundary specified in the CFS's own referendum rules.

Peters claimed that this was merely an oversight, and that the table was moved into the banner's area, rather than the banner being placed maliciously within the table's zone.



Geoff McDonald photo

## Campus Breakdown

### New West

Yes: 735 No: 171 Spoilt: 4

### David Lam

Yes: 474 No: 56 Spoilt: 2

### Maple Ridge

Yes: 192 No: 20 Spoilt: 3

# Students top list of budget priorities

David Cochrane

OTTAWA (CUP) — Funding for students eclipsed paying down the national debt and tax reduction as the number one spending priority in the country's first balanced budget in almost three decades.

But student leaders are disappointed by the lack of immediate money to help reduce debt loads for students already in the post-secondary education system.

"What we were looking for in this budget was something significant to help out people now. We didn't get that," Brad Lavigne, national chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, said.

Finance Minister Paul Martin's fifth budget contained a package of measures aimed at providing students with more money when they enter university or college and a more flexible student loan repayment scheme when they get out.

The centrepiece of the budget was the millennium scholarship fund, Jean Chrétien's apparent legacy. The \$2.5-billion fund will provide annual scholarships of up to \$3,000 to more than 100,000 students. The fund will dry-up after just ten years.

Further, as student groups feared, the fund won't actually hand out any money until 2000, skipping a generation of students who already borrow to pay for their education.

"It's almost, in a sense, too little too late," Paul Black, president of Acadia University's student council.

The government says it will set up an arms-length board of directors to administer the fund. It didn't say who would be on that board, except that members will come from the private sector and will include at least one student. Some students will receive extra money as early as this year, however. More than 25,000 full- and part-time students with children or dependents will receive grants of up to \$3,000 through the Canada Student Loans Program.

Part-time students will also be allowed to claim an education credit of \$60 for each month they were attending school, something previously available only to full-time students. As well, student parents will be allowed to claim a child-care expense while they attend school.

"What we've got here is a positive indicator, a very good first step," Hoops Harrison, national director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, said. "But there needs to be a little bit more of an emphasis on immediate debt reduction."

While that immediate debt reduction wasn't there, the government announced several changes to the Canada Student Loan Program.

Starting this year, graduates will get tax relief for interest payments on their

student loans. About one million people will be allowed to claim a 17% federal tax credit on their yearly interest payments. The credit only applies to interest payments on loans obtained from federal and provincial loan programs. Students who get private loans from banks will not be eligible.

The government also expanded its graduate interest relief program. Starting this year, students earning less than \$22,300 will qualify for full interest-relief for 30 months, an option previously available only to people earning less than \$20,460.

Beginning in 1999, partial interest relief will be available for graduates who have trouble paying back their loans and earn less than \$28,300 a year. Students earning \$24,000 can have the federal government pick up 75% of their monthly interest payments, those who make \$26,000 will get 50% relief, while Ottawa will pick up 25% of the tab for people earning \$28,000.

Graduates who exhaust the 30 month interest relief period and still experience repayment problems can now ask the lending institution to extend the repayment period from 10 years to 15 years, a move that would reduce monthly payments by nearly 25% at current interest rates. If the student still can't meet minimum monthly payments, the interest relief period will be extended

from 30 months to 54 months.

For those who still remain in financial difficulties after those relief measures, the government will write-off up to 50% of the federal portion of the student loan or forgive \$10,000 worth of debt, whichever is lower. Only students with an annual debt payment over 15% qualify.

Robert Giroux, president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, called the budget "a tremendous package of measures." Many of the new initiatives had been suggested by a coalition of seven national education groups that was spearheaded by the AUCC and included both national student groups.

But Giroux said there should have been a longer financial commitment to research and development through funding for Canada's three national granting councils. The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, the Medical Research Council, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council all saw their budgets restored to 1994-95 levels and will see further small increases until 2001, bringing combined funding up to \$903-million from the current \$766-million.

"Canada needs to keep pace in the innovative economy and therefore the government will have to provide additional funding in future years," Giroux said.

But Rubina Ramji would like to see more funding now. The head of the Canadian Graduate Council says the three granting agencies currently only fund 17% of all graduate students. The new money will only increase it to about 20% and Ramji says nothing else in the budget offers much help for graduate students with limited financial resources.

"This millennium fund will help a lot of undergraduate students," she said. "But by the time they get to graduate school and if they don't get money from the granting councils, they are not going to find any other kind of funding to get into school."

The budget also tried to encourage parents to save for their children's education. Ottawa will match 20 per cent of any money parents put into a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), to a maximum of \$400 of federal money per child each year.

The federal government will also allow people to withdraw up to \$10,000 from an RRSP without penalty to retrain or upgrade their education. The government also promised extra money for youth employment programs and a tax break for businesses that hire young people.

In total, the Liberals announced \$11-billion in new spending and \$7-billion in tax relief over the next four years.

# BC creates new education portfolio

Graig Saunders

VICTORIA (CUP) — The provincial government's decision to create a new ministry specifically for post-secondary education has impressed university administrators and students, who are relieved to have a ministry all for themselves.

They are also glad that Andrew Petter, formerly finance minister, is taking on the new portfolio of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

"Petter does come from the post-secondary system," Maura Parte, provincial chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, said. "We hope that will lead to a greater understanding of post-secondary pressures."

Before his election to the provincial legislature in 1991, Petter was a law professor at the University of Victoria. During his six-year political tenure, he has been minister of aboriginal affairs, forests, health and, most recently, finance.

The new ministry is in charge of BC's colleges, universities, private post-secondary institutions, training programs and technological initiatives.

Paul Ramsey, the recall-plagued minister from Prince George, will continue to hold a reduced education portfolio, overseeing the province's elementary and secondary schools.

Robert Clift, executive director of the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC, says splitting the ministry was a good idea.

"We're pretty happy to have a separate ministry again," Clift said, noting the ministry was only amalgamated in 1995. "In the superministry of [kindergarten] to PhD, we tended to get lost."

David Strong, president of the University of Victoria, agrees creating the new ministry is a good move. "It was certainly a massive portfolio. The sheer size of the primary and secondary part of the portfolio was disproportionately demanding."

Strong says he hopes the change will allow schools a greater degree of input into educational governance, but adds he expects no special treatment from the former UVic professor.

Petter says post-secondary accessibility is his top priority as the new minister. The province needs more university graduates, since business is demanding them, and those graduates will help the economy grow. Therefore, he says, the province needs to work harder to make education a right rather than a privilege.

For the past two years, the provincial government froze tuition fees in an attempt to keep education accessible, Petter says. While a freeze this year will depend on the provincial budget, expected in late March, the BC government is pressuring the federal government to restore funding to students through any fiscal dividend.

"We have been very aggressive in trying to steward what resources we currently have in education and add to them by

making savings elsewhere," Petter said. "There is a commitment on the part of the government to try to put the limited resources that are available for new social initiatives into the area of education."

That commitment is not only the result of student pressure, though. According to Petter, the province's knowledge-based economy, while still small, is growing at a rate of 20% annually. As a result, he hasn't ruled out expanded partnership programs to help schools stretch their funding dollars.

But Petter doesn't want to see corporate partnering at the expense of a quality education. Employers are looking for well-rounded workers, and that extends beyond the high-tech sector, he said.

"They're looking for people who have a good set of values, a broad perspective, who know how to access new information as much as they're looking for any specific skill set."

Petter emphasizes the need for a harmonious coexistence of skills

development and liberal arts education, with levels of each varying depending on the institution.

But not everyone is happy with the recent changes in cabinet.

According to BC's Liberal education critic, the shuffle is really an attempt to divert the public's attention away from the upcoming provincial budget. Despite this, she is looking forward to opposing both Ramsey and Petter.

"I've got the two best ministers," April Sanders said. "I'm ready to put them on the ropes."

Sanders also says splitting the ministry is unnecessary, and any lack of attention to post-secondary education on the part of Ramsey likely came as a result of the time he spent fighting a recall campaign.

"I think whoever is in charge should have a good idea of what a child is going into [after high school]," Sanders said. "I would like them as one ministry."



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### A friend in need...

Homan Sanaie

This from the mouth of DCSS President Jaimie McEvoy saying how he got elected as DCSS President, "I've got a phone list of one hundred and fifty of my friends and I just called all my friends and told them to vote. Which is what I did last time, right, and I got elected that way." Is that how the democratic process is going to work at

\$128,000 for one year.

If you whine and complain about having to pay for the CFS and you didn't vote, you're a moron! If you voted No for the CFS then you have a right to bitch about how the CFS is screwing with your life. Even if you abstained that means you got involved in the electoral process.

The YES vote has won and Douglas College is now part of the CFS. We will

"I've got a phone list of one hundred and fifty of my friends and I just called all my friends and told them to vote. Which is what I did last time, right, and I got elected that way."

Jaimie McEvoy, DCSS President

Douglas College? Some guy high up there in Douglas College student politics gets his friends to vote him in. That sucks! The students of Douglas College shouldn't take this. That's why you should have voted in the CFS [Canadian Federation of Students] Referendum. Only about 16% of students voted in the referendum. If you voted Yes, No, or abstained at least you were involved in the electoral process. Sixteen hundred students voted and now you and I will have to help pay \$160,000 per year even if you didn't vote. That is the second highest fee for any school in BC [SFU is number one]. Did you know that the CFS spends over \$80,000 a year on conferences and meetings? That is half of what it costs Douglas College to be in the CFS. Three CFS employees split

owe money from the last time we were part of the CFS in 1991-92. Instead of owing \$160,000 this year, we will owe money from the time we left in 1992. We start paying fees for the CFS in the summer semester.

Under CFS bylaws, Section F in the Policy Management of the Student Lobby of the CFS states "that the major role of the student press is to act as an agent of social change, assisting students in understanding and mobilizing against exploitation and injustice wherever it may be found, and emphasizing the rights and responsibilities of the student." That's what I'm doing, telling you what's going on.

If you didn't vote you have let a small number of people dictate what will happen to ten thousand students.

## Hemp convention brings focus and Woody

Manufacturers looking for an "in"

Jim Chliboyko

The edgy guy from New York manically struts in front of the display, gesturing like one of those Price is Right girls, and says of his formidable army of teddy bears, "They're pretty fucking cute, aren't they?"

Not the typical thing you'd hear from someone essentially selling dolls for children, but these aren't typical teddy bears; they are made entirely from hemp.

The Aware Bear was only one of the things on sale at the Second Annual Hemp Symposium held last month at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Among the other products were hemp beer, hemp sandals, hemp snowboarder gear, hemp chocolate, hemp oil, a hemp-industry sponsored racing team, hemp haute coiture, hemp smocks, hemp skirts, hemp dresses, hemp shirts, hemp paper and hemp literature. It was a celebration for this versatile "aloha" of material. Even Woody Harrelson showed up to show his support for the fledgling industry, saying a few words to the crowd gathered for the hemp fashion show.

The delegates were from places other than New York and Hollywood, too. Poland and Germany had a presence there, as did a healthy sampling of the American states; Hawaii, Kentucky, Connecticut and the aforementioned New York among them. But wherever they came from, the issues were roughly the same: cost and mainstream acceptance.

"These are fine, these get-togethers, but really, they're just circle-jerks. We

have to get out into the mainstream if we want to get anything done," said Dan Glass, creator of the Aware Bear.

Arthur Hanks, co-editor of *Commercial Hemp* and one of the symposium's main organizers (and former *Other Press* features coordinator), said there are other ways to gauge the success of the symposium. "A lot of it is intangibles," he said. "Some made contacts, some made sales.... It is like a hotbox for the industry."

Others, no matter what product they were hawking, echoed Glass' sentiment.

Heather Gifford had come from Lexington, Kentucky, where she volunteers for the Kentucky Hemp Museum and Library. "We go around the state, talk to people, let them know what hemp is. A lot of people don't even know," she said.

Gifford did say that among the in-crowd, hemp is very popular. "Most of our retailers would actually like to get more product. That's the thing that's holding them back, availability."

Eric Rieman thinks the change will need to begin at the retail level. "It is all about getting hemp out of the hemp shops and into the mainstream shops. I know hemp shops don't want to hear that, but that's what it is coming to," says Rieman, delegate for Washington State-based Board 'Em, a line of hemp skateboarding and snowboarding fashions. "The whole key is going to be getting into the snowboard, skateboard mainstream markets," he says of his unique water repellent fashions.

Rieman sounds like he knows what he is talking about. He also sounds, like

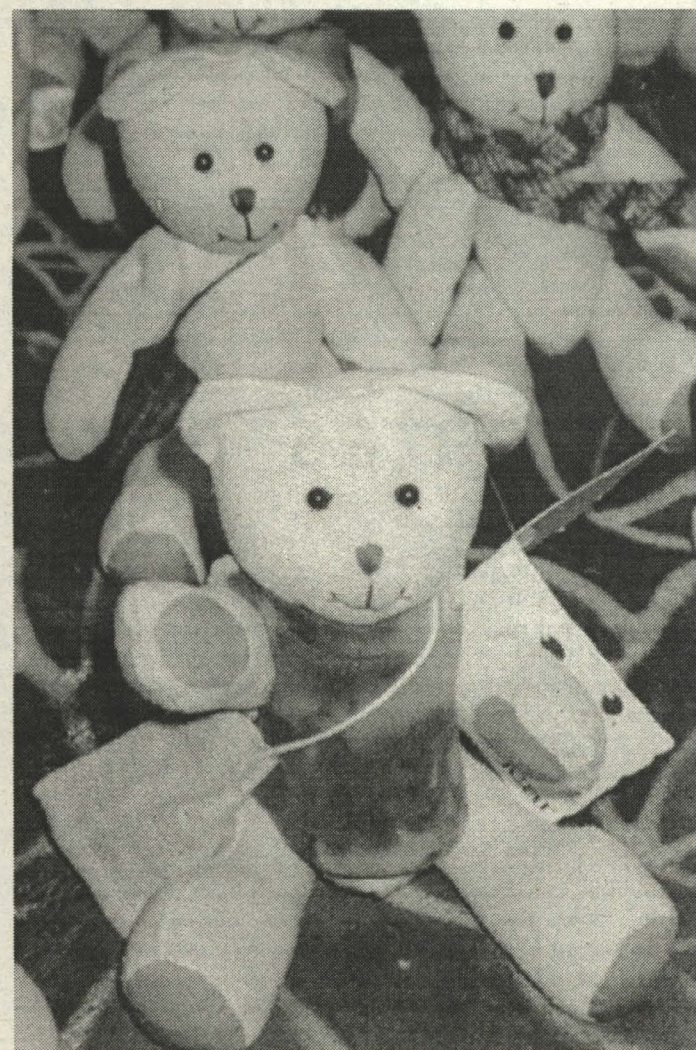
many others on the convention floor, enthused. "We're actually going to make some money this year," he predicts. "We have a total of 55 retail shops selling our stuff.... But a lot of them aren't totally convinced on the hemp thing, they've seen a lot of shoddy workmanship."

Rieman is in a position, though, to cash in on hemp's bad boy image, an image solidified by Ross Rebagliati's run-in with the Japanese law a week earlier, ironically the same image that the industry is trying to cast off. "A lot of people who buy our stuff smoke the weed, and that's good for us. 'Look at all the qualities it has, and it comes from a plant we like to smoke, too. Let's get this stuff, let's wear this stuff....'"

Meanwhile, Kentucky Hemp Museum's Gifford talks of getting hemp growing in southern fields. "Hopefully, with Canada going commercial [the federal government's efforts to stimulate a domestically grown hemp industry], it's really gonna help. It'll maybe show the legislators that it can actually be done, y'know, people aren't getting high in the fields. That's what they have to learn, and they're resisting that knowledge."

As for the mainstreaming of hemp, *Commercial Hemp's* Hanks said that the products were evolving, "from being hemp products in hemp specialty stores to good products in mainstream stores."

And he added a prediction of his own. "The [hemp-based] food will probably make a big mainstream impact. People are drawing parallels between hemp food and the soybean industry when it was starting out."



A "fucking cute," all hemp bear on display at the second annual Hemp Symposium

Jim Chliboyko photo

But whatever the manufacturers find daunting, Hanks proclaimed the symposium itself a success. "This is

happening.... People are pumped," he concluded.



# A visit to Sumo High

Students taken with thong wear

Jimmihanada

**Y**our step is unsteady on the swinging suspension bridge, which already feels perilous enough, never mind the wind blasting down from the mountains, the 15-storey drop to the water below or the



The ultimate wedgie. Jimmihanada phtops

added weight of the 450-pound sumo wrestler coming from the other direction. You go the other way, back to where you started, but another yukata-clad behemoth blocks your way, and doesn't seem eager to let you by. Then the bridge starts to sway even more dramatically.

No, this is not a dream, you realize after pinching yourself, nor are you trapped in a surreal Fellini flick, populated by anachronistic figures dressed in bright yukata robes, carrying antiquated trunks and other ornate gear set against a backdrop of dour Douglas fir.

No, this is actually happening. Sumo wrestlers are running amok in North Vancouver.

Actually, they aren't really running. Nor are they particularly amok. Not two weeks after taking part in the pageantry of the opening ceremony of the Nagano Winter Olympics, they are standing for photo-ops, putting on oshidashi clinics, and charming gifts out of high school students.

Last week Vancouver was paid another visit by a wrestlin' entourage, when Ozeki Takanonami, the lower ranked Maegashira Aogiyama, two juryo rikishi (wrestlers), Minami and Wakakaze, and officials from the Sumo Association went on the publicity rounds in another pre-Vancouver basho inspection/promotion. The wrestlers checked out a Grizzlies game, malls, parks and the Vancouver Public Library. Meanwhile the Sumo Association officials inspected the clay of the ring and the ring's canopy at the Coliseum, and checked out the other facilities (wall-mounted toilets - bad). Apparently, everything else seemed to be 'daijobu' (OK).

A highlight of the week was a visit to Handsworth Secondary School, in a tiny North Shore neighbourhood just up the road from the aforementioned Capilano suspension bridge.

Led in by a bagpiper and escorted into

the packed and thickly-decorated gymnasium by two Mounties, the entourage, with November's Kyushu basho champion Takanonami in front, received an ecstatic response from the students, most of whom had never seen a real rikishi up close. There was a presentation of gifts on both sides, and one surprise; Aogiyama was called forward (though he sensed that something was up) to be ambushed by hundreds of students singing Happy Birthday, commemorating the veteran's 28th. Aogiyama received a cake and, without missing a beat, made a hammy display of trying to eat it immediately, to the delight of the students.

"We're very delighted. The kids are well behaved.... It's not easy to pull off an assembly like this. Two different cultures," said Bob O'Neill, a teacher at the school. O'Neill adds, "But you do know we had originally hoped for Akebono," he says of the oft-injured Hawaiian champion.

Then the audience really showed their appreciation when the members of Handsworth's modest wrestling team sheepishly and tentatively pulled down their sweats to show off their own revealing mawashi to the student body. There was going to be a rumble.

"You feel embarrassed at first," said Aaron, one member of the wrestling club, on wearing the floss-like belt, "but they're doing it, and everybody's doing it. As long as you're not the only one doing it you feel fine."

The sumo itself was a whole other matter for the wrestlers, most of whom had only previously seen sumo on the Rogers Multicultural Channel's broadcast of Sumo Digest. "It was very intimidating," said Dean Yamagata, one of the local boys that went up against the wrestlers. "There was one guy who was 18, and I'm 18, but the size difference was crazy."

So, how did it come about that the star wrestler, Ozeki Takanonami, one of

the most famous faces in Japan, came to visit a high school tucked away in the hills of the Lower Mainland? The school visit was set up by Bob Owada, a "lowly travel agent" who takes care of Handsworth's exchange trips. North Vancouver happens to be a sister city to Chiba City, which is in the prefecture next to Tokyo, and Handsworth has a strong connection to the Land of the Rising Sun. Their students have been travelling there for nine years. "I asked school officials that if there was an occasion to display sumo here, to keep an eye out, and just by chance, I met Mr. Bhatt in Japan, and he was very agreeable to arrange it," said Mr. Owada.

Mr. Bhatt is Parmesh Bhatt, the owner of a travel agency and the catalyst behind the Vancouver basho. Bhatt happens to be friends with the Wolf, retired fighting legend Chiyonofuji, (now known as Kokonoe Oyakata). It was Bhatt that used his connections in connection-heavy Japan to score the Vancouver basho, says Heather Chapman, spokesperson for the Japan-Canada Association. Chapman, detailing some of the bureaucratic barriers that had to be overcome for the basho to take place, said that Prime Minister Jean Chretien himself had to personally invite the Sumo Association over to Canada

before they would even consider an exhibition tournament on Canadian soil.

But the red tape must have been worth it. Students formed a mob tighter than a rugby scrum around the wrestlers after the display, straining to get autographs and talk with the unilingual wrestlers. All Takanonami could do was shyly nod, smile, and just keep singing. There was no escape, not even for an Ozeki.

*(Note: To accomodate the students, the wrestlers had to skip the trip to the Suspension Bridge, so that never did happen, but it does make for a good visual beginning to a story. Forgive the dishonourable indiscretion, dear reader.*

## Creative

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### Blister Filled With Pus

There is part of me that grows like, an abscessed blister filled with pus. It grows bigger and bigger, with every day that passes without notice. Like another page in a book, turned without a glance.

If unattended it will continue to grow. If treated it will die. Which is worse cannot be foreseen.

I leave it grow unattended until, I am brave enough to lance its powerful size. The pus filled sack explodes into emotion, like images on paper.

I can feel the milky white substance once contained, freely drip down my leg as it rests in salvation, in the bottom of my shoe.

I feel empty for a moment until, I notice that the obvious has begun. Another blister bigger then the first one, replacing its predecessor quicker and more alive.

It is in that instant that I realize, that it will never end. I will always carry this blister filled with pus.

by Richard Solbakken

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—Michael D. Jones

Answer Key: B=A, Y=B, K=C, V=D, O=E, J=G, S=I, L=K, I=L, N=M, X=N, Z=O, E=P, Q=R, H=S, W=T, D=V, F=W, U=Z

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quickly.

by David Papa



# Sport Shorts

## Basketball

The women's team travelled to Malaspina last weekend for the provincial championships, ranked #2 in the province and looking to make the nationals. Because of their high ranking, the Royals got a bye into the semi-finals Friday, against the winner of the UCFV-UCC game on Thursday night. Friday, February 27 brought the UCFV Cascades to the Royals, who couldn't seem to get going as they fell 77-62, putting them in the bronze medal game. Carry Rogers scored 20 points and grabbed 4 rebounds and Darcy Savage had 13 points and 4 rebounds to lead the Royals. On Saturday, February 28, the Royals faced-off against the OUC Lakers in the bronze medal game. The Royals took the bronze in fine form, beating the Lakers 68-60. Stacey Reykdal had 26 points and 2 rebounds and Carrie Rogers dropped 25 points and 14 rebounds for the Royals. For averaging 22.5 points and 9.0 rebounds in her two games, Carrie Rogers was named to the tournament all-star team.

Congratulations to Stacey Reykdal for being named first team BCCAA all-star and all-Canadian and to Carrie Rogers, who was named to the second BCCAA all-star team.

After slipping into the playoffs as the last seed, the men's team had to play a quarter final match against the UCC Sun Demons if they wanted to move on. Unfortunately, Lady Luck wasn't with the Royals on this night, as they suffered a heart-breaking 85-82 loss to UCC. Jon Fast scored 19 points and grabbed 3 boards and Kevin Kundarewich dropped 15 points and 2 rebounds on the Sun Demons.

Congratulations to Jon Fast and Mark Craven who were named to the second team BCCAA all-star team.

## Volleyball

Thursday, February 26, was the start of the BCCAA volleyball provincials with the women's team taking on the Capilano Blues. Douglas rolled over Capilano like they weren't even there, winning in straight sets, 15-6, 15-11 and 15-9. Also on Thursday the Royals suffered a tough five game loss to the host OUC Lakers. This loss meant that the Royals had to play a quarterfinal game on Friday against the CNC Kodiaks. The Kodiaks put up as much resistance as a group of teddy bears as Douglas crushed CNC 15-9, 15-2, 15-12 putting them in a semi-final match against hated rivals Malaspina. Douglas, riding the emotion of an early semester loss to Malaspina, stormed to an impressive 15-11, 7-15, 15-12, 11-15, 15-9 three games to two victory. Saturday, February 28, Douglas met the OUC Lakers in the gold medal match. Douglas was almost routed in this match but managed to pull out a 15-3 win in the third game to avoid a straight sets defeat. Christine Bonish and Becki Kosinski were named to the all-tournament team.

The men's team opened the provincials on Thursday, February 26, rolling over BCIT 15-7, 15-4, 15-0 and squeaking past UCC 16-14, 6-15, 15-9, 14-16, 21-19. The Royals continued their blitzkrieg of their BCCAA opponents on Friday, February 27, beating Camosun College 15-13, 13-15, 15-8, 15-5 to get into the gold medal match. The gold medal match was less than a walk for the Royals as they faced off against the UCC Sun Demons. The Royals took the Sun Demons, 12-15, 15-9, 15-12, 7-15 and 26-24 to capture the gold medal and a place in the national championships. Tom McLellen and Ken Kilpatrick were named to the tournament all-star team and Ken Kleindienst was named the tournament MVP.

## Coming Up

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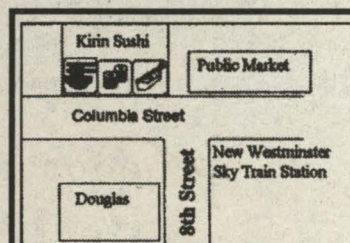
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is time once again to be thinking about the DCSS student handbook. Anyone interested in participating in this project please call Darryl Flasch at 527-5109. I would like to get full representation from all student society members in the 98/99 calendar! All talent is appreciated!

The Douglas College Student Society is a great hang out for students but it needs input from its membership. I am looking for interested parties to help spruce up the Student Building. If you can paint murals or know of a keen way to make the DCSS more fun and inviting, please call Darryl Flasch at 527-5109.



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# Comparing Hummers

Tom Laws and Holly Keyes

Perhaps you were not fortunate enough to get to the I-want-to-be-trendy-but-I-can't-afford-a-Hummer show at BC Place last weekend. Unfortunately, I was able to go. Also called the Outdoor Adventure Show, it was filled to the brim with trendy, outdoor information, and stuff you can buy by taking out a mortgage on your home. Three friends and I attended, hoping for a cornucopia of nifty neat junk we could look at. Even a reasonable hand drawn facsimile of a show would have done. Upon entering BC Place, we grabbed a map of what was up. There were parenting classes, over-priced North Face gear, and a little something extra for those of you who just can't get through the day without doing something stupid.

For the latter of you, there was the hit of the exhibition (the attraction which drew the most people) a cartoon video about BMX racing. We moseyed over to this booth to see the video. Then it was on to the half-pipe ramp to see some real BMX racing, and we could draw a definite tie to the fact that the video was badly done and the fact that BMX racers found it so interesting because they wear no helmets while they ride because of the huge amount of scar tissue built up in their skulls replacing their brains. Most of the riders were men, adding to our suspicions that their brains had been eroded. If any guy has ever seen a rider wipe out on that bike seat, you'll know exactly what I'm talking about. Although, would it really be that great if they did spawn? Why add to the brainless population?

Onto the ramp following the bikers were the rollerbladers proving to us that you can be equally stupid with four times as many wheels. After all was said and done, both teams retired for a PAM-in-a-ziplock-bag and Sudafed chaser.

We were on to the rest of the exhibit, to take a look at the booths, the most impressive of which was "Apex security." When I think of the great outdoors, security comes screaming to my mind. I know it does for you too.

There were many "new gear" booths full of over-priced, useless stuff like Killer Loop's "Snoggles" which are leather trimmed ski goggles. You'd think that they would have had the insight to bring out a new brand of cereal or something with their great name. "Killer Loops, the new cereal from Killer Loop. Now with rusty saw blades. Collect them all!" There were people who did bring along new food products in the form of energy bars. Energy bars, for ye philistines, are those things that trendy outdoor people stuff in their faces rather than eating normal food. With tastes like "Chocolate Espresso" to cash in on the Vancouver trend, "Abnormal Genetically Altered Fish Urine," and "Dung Infested Spatula Roadkill" there was a flavour for everyone. But, they all taste like some sort of condensed drywall putty with just a hint of nutmeg. Also in the "new gear" section were the new Kevlar hiking boots, which could come it quite handy. If, for instance, someone is shooting at you, you can leap into karate moves and block all the bullets with the Kevlar boots. Very useful, and worth every cent of the \$200+ you can pay to wear them around the city.

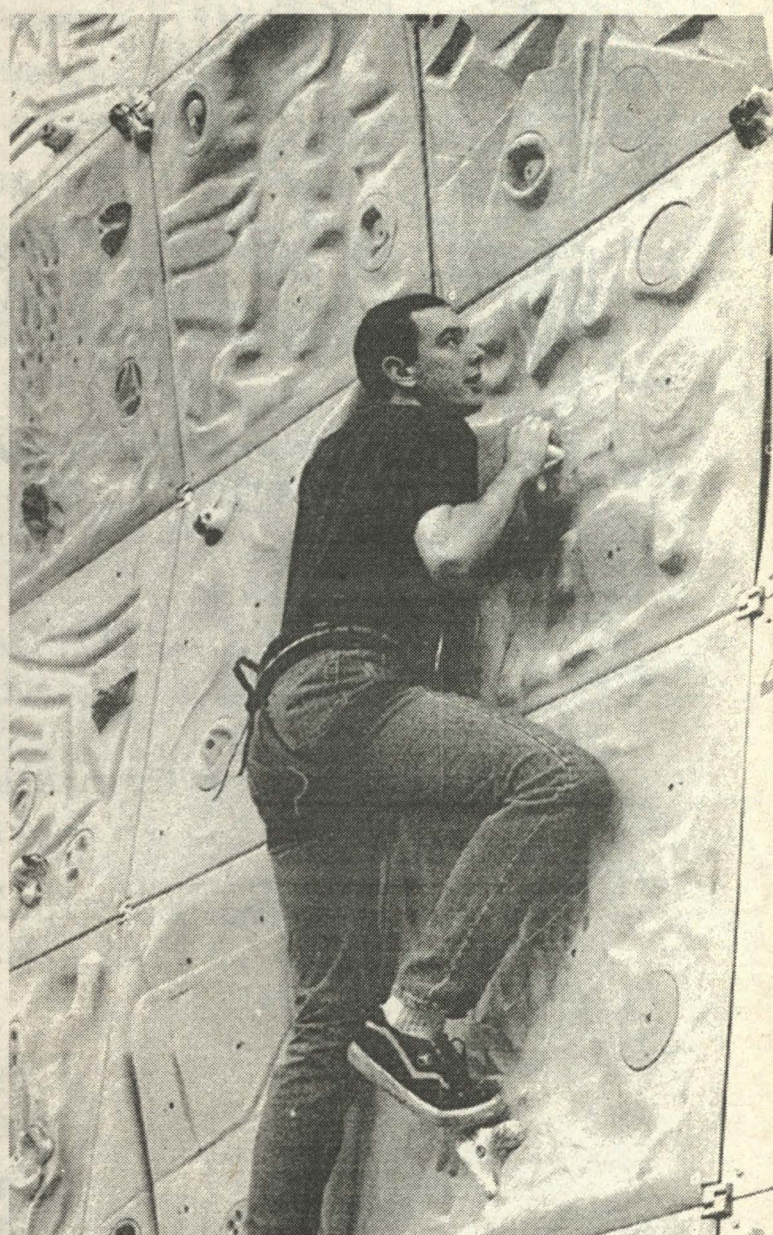
The apprehension was getting more and more apparent in our group as we neared the almighty Saskatchewan display showing all the splendour that is Saskatchewan. Tours included "Watch your dog run away for a week" and "Waving to people in Winnipeg from Saskatoon." According to information I have just made up, Saskatchewan has put in a bid for the next Summer Olympic Games by promising to unveil their newest demonstration sport: Tying your shoe. Not altogether surprising, BMX racers are from Saskatchewan.

With our stomachs still all a flutter after our tour of Saskatchewan (the original name for Chewbacca) we went to see the Vancouver Orienteering club (or the finding your way around with a compass club) to see what it was all about. They had a wonderful '70s video going, in which people were always carrying a compass around lest all the street signs come crashing down in a fiery apocalyptic Armageddon. But the

true value of this club was understated. The real value of this club is that it gets kids off the streets, and into the wilderness where large mammals can eat them. The club is designed for those kids who aren't rich enough to afford the huge bills from the Internet to become pasty white Jolt addicts in chat rooms. And for kids who haven't slipped far enough below the legal "Loser" line to go to Star Trek conventions and debate whether Kirk or Picard has the bigger libido, and which has slept with more three breasted Glainqs from Froqym. It's also for those that crave a group environment but don't have the high intellect or social skills needed to play Dungeons and Dragons. Coincidentally, most of the children herded by the Orienteering club are offspring from ex-BMX half pipe riders.

Not to be outdone by any bike riders, the promoters put on a parenting seminar, designed to illustrate to parents how NOT to raise a child. It was disguised as a climbing wall, but the crack investigative team from *the Other Press* soon discovered the underlying statement. It showed how to let your 5 and 6 year old kids scale up a 50 foot wall while Donny Hormone, whom parents have never met before and could be a nice man from Riverview, holds onto their life, which in turn is attached to a little piece of rope, while Donny scopes out chicks. "Don't do what Donny Don't does" was the theme, and well taken.

The "Trykes" booth was the next stop on the tour, where a demonstration on how to ride a three wheeled bike was given. This is one of those sports endorsed by "Trendy SMACK Addict Monthly" magazine in that you don't have to have any sort of skills like balance, thus allowing oneself to concentrate on finding new ways to kill yourself. It ties in nicely with the other parenting seminar: Get your kids involved in a sport where there is potential for growth. After mastering the Tryke and breaking every bone in their body, they can quickly move onto BMX racing where they can finish the job right by destroying every organ in their



Sports coordinator Hamish Knox tries out the wall at the Outdoor show.

Dave Tam photo

body as well! It promotes family wellness and togetherness. Hospital time will be family time in no time! A true bonding moment will be yours when everyone can ride in the ambulance to the hospital to have Timmy's spleen removed from his left nostril.

Next year, make sure to get out to the show so you can let everyone in greater

Vancouver know that you too can be trendy. Make sure to bring a bazillion dollars to buy that mountain bike with shock absorbers (which everyone needs riding on asphalt). Or just cut your genitals off, grind them into some sort of Bulgarian sausage, and join the fun on the BMX half-pipe!

# World Cup: a preview

**This week we preview Group C—France, Denmark, South Africa and Saudi Arabia. The French squad qualified automatically as hosts; their most recent match was a 1-0 win over Spain. The Danes are the 1992 European Cup champions, and are bringing a new attacking style to the World Cup. This is the first World Cup for the South Africans who are riding the momentum of making the African Cup final. This is the second World Cup in a row for the Saudis; however, they are adjusting to a new coach.**

## Hamish's Predictions

### Denmark (24) x

The Euro '92 champs should easily win this group. Goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel and midfielder Michael Laudrup have almost 200 caps between them, anchoring what will be a tough squad to score against. The Danes might have a problem scoring as their forwards are very young and have almost no international experience. Denmark's history in the World Cup may bode well for them—they made the final in the only other World Cup they qualified for (1986).

### France (6) x

Considering the number of tickets that FIFA has allocated to the French for the World Cup, the host squad will have a decided advantage wherever it plays. The pivotal game for the French is on June 18 against Saudi Arabia. Even though the French appear to be superior to the Saudis, they will have to be on their toes or risk not making the second round. If the French do fail to make the round of 16, it will mark the first time in World Cup history that the host country failed to make it past the first round.

### Saudi Arabia (32)

At World Cup USA in 1994, Saudi Arabia surprised everybody and made it to the round of 16. This year, however, the Saudis won't be sneaking up on anybody. Saudi Arabia is also in a transitional phase as they had a coaching change in mid-November. The match against the French on June 18 is critical for the Saudis if they want to make it past the first round. Surprisingly, the Saudi Arabian players have more in international experience than their French counterparts, however, they have not played in as many big games.

### South Africa (36)

As this is the first World Cup for the South Africans, a last place finish is predictable but not preordained. If South Africa can beat Saudi Arabia on June 24, they have a good chance of coming in third in this group. The defense is experienced in international play (156 caps between their top four defenders), but South Africa's goalkeepers will be hard pressed to stop anything that slips by the defense.

## Homan's Predictions

### France (6) x

This year's host of the World Cup have a tougher group than most people think. Zinedine Zidane and Youri Djorkaeff will need to be at their best for France to win the group. Luckily, France has a very strong defensive corps. Led by AC Milan's Marcel Desailly and Chelsea's Franck Leboeuf, France's defense will not be a problem. However, France needs to score goals to win the group. France's best finish in the World Cup was third in 1958 and 1986.

### Denmark (24) x

ESPN announcers said, "France has a dream group." What the hell are these guys taking about? Americans obviously don't know anything about soccer. Denmark will be a tough challenge for France. With the Laudrup brothers (Michael and Brian) the midfield and the forward position will be secure. In goal, Peter Schmeichel will be very hard to beat. Denmark has never made it past the first round, but Denmark should make it to the next round.


### Saudi Arabia (32)

This is Saudi Arabia's second straight World Cup. In USA '94, they advanced to the Round of 16. Saudi Arabia doesn't have a star player. They work together very well as a team. If Saudi Arabia wins their first game against Denmark, the Saudis could advance to the Round of 16.

### South Africa (36)

This is South Africa's first ever World Cup. South Africa is a young and very inexperienced team, but they will compete in this group. The player to watch from South Africa is the 20-year-old forward Benedict McCarthy. McCarthy scored four goals against Namibia two weeks ago in the African Nations Cup. South Africa is too inexperienced to make it to the playoffs, but they will be the team of the future.





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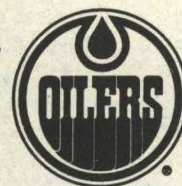


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